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A Message from the Board of Supervisors

Dear Citizens:

Greetings. By the time you receive this issue of the Culpeper Minutes, spring should be upon us, and the Board of Supervisors will be well into the budget process for Fiscal Year 2008. The new Eastern View High School is under construction and on schedule. The groundbreaking for the new elementary school was held in April. Despite these successes, there are still many needs, and as always, the budget will be a balancing act as we attempt to meet these needs while trying not to overburden you, the taxpayers of Culpeper County.

Most of you are probably aware by now that Culpeper County will soon be home to a new data center campus for Terremark Worldwide, Inc. This project will involve an investment of approximately \$270 million and is expected to generate as many as 250 new jobs. This is exactly the type of economic development envisioned for the Technology Zones, created by the Board through our Comprehensive Plan and subsequent overlay zones. Ideally, the arrival of Terremark will have a spin-off effect leading to other similar industries locating in our Technology Zones. Commonwealth of Virginia Governor Tim Kaine visited Culpeper to make the Terremark announcement in person and to present the County with a \$1 million grant from the Governor's Opportunity Fund to assist with the realization of the project.

The Board continues to discuss regional water and sewer needs with the Town of Culpeper, and other issues are facing us as well. We pledge to continue to work hard in representing you. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Board of Supervisors or County staff with questions or concerns.

For the Board,

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This newsletter is a quarterly publication to the citizens of Culpeper County by the Board of Supervisors. It is designed to present and provide information about issues affecting those who live in Culpeper. Almost 20,000 copies are distributed, one to each mail address in Town, County, and to each U.S.P.S. Box within the Town and County of Culpeper.

The newsletter is also available online www.culpepercounty.gov
Comments and suggestions may be emailed to:
dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov

Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are held the first Tuesday of each month: at 10 a.m. for general County business and at 7 p.m. for a public forum, planning business and public hearings. Agendas are available prior to the meetings at the Library and on the County website at www.culpepercounty.gov and minutes are available following the meetings. Video coverage is provided by Channel 21.

Facts about Your County

Area: 381 square miles
Population: estimated 45,543
Real Estate Tax: \$.89 per \$100 assessed value
(Town residents pay an additional \$.08 per \$100 assessed value)
Personal Property Tax: \$3.50 per \$100 assessed value
County maps: www.culpepercounty.gov GIS online

Facts about our Schools

Current school enrollment: 7,246
(7,337 including pre-school)
High School One
Middle Schools Two
Elementary Schools Five

ATTENTION REAL ESTATE OWNERS
2007 NOTICE OF REASSESSMENT

Commissioner of the Revenue
Division of Real Estate Assessments

By now you have received your 2007 notice of reassessment. For pertinent information, please read the notice carefully. The notices have been sent to the January 1, 2007 real estate owner of record. Ownership, acreage and new construction changes as of January 1, 2007 are reflected on this notice. Your notice gives the *previous* real estate assessment and the *current* real estate assessment along with the following explanations and instructions:

Land and Improvements

“LAND” represents the total value of all the land in this particular parcel. “IMPROVEMENTS” represents the total value of any appurtenances to the land. Improvements would include such things as house, detached garage, pavement, pool, barn, outbuilding, tenant house, store, shop, office, etc.

Appeal of Real Estate Assessment

The Assessor’s review period began March 1, 2007 and continues through March 30, 2007. Please visit the office or call (540) 727-3411 to make an appointment, if you wish to discuss your assessment. The Office of the Division of Real Estate Assessments is located in the Old Town Hall Building at 118 W. Davis Street, Suite 100.

Should the Assessor fail to satisfy the property owner, or should the owner fail to take advantage of the Assessor’s review period, that owner may request a review by the Board of Equalization, whose members are appointed by the judges of the Circuit Court.

Real Estate Taxes

The Culpeper County Board of Supervisors will schedule a public hearing in April 2007 in the Board Room at the County Administration Office Building at 302 N. Main Street for citizens’ input on the proposed tax rates. This meeting will be advertised in the Culpeper Star Exponent newspaper prior to the scheduled meeting. The amount of taxes levied for 2007 cannot be determined until the rate is established by the Board of Supervisors.

General Information

The Commonwealth of Virginia mandates that all real estate be assessed on a regular basis and be assessed at 100% of market value. Culpeper County reassesses on a 4-year cycle. Real estate values continually change, and the Assessor’s duty is to adjust assessments in response to these changes to assure equitable treatment for all taxpayers. This process is tracked by the Virginia Department of Taxation to insure that the locality is in compliance with State laws.

In April the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors sets tax rates based on the funds required to provide government services. The real estate tax rate is applied to the real estate assessment to determine the real estate tax which is due in December. Real estate valuation and the establishment of the tax rate are two separate functions.

How Assessments are Determined

The Assessments Office has the responsibility of reviewing real estate transactions and other factors and using the data to assess each parcel of real estate accordingly. There are many reasons for a change in real estate value. Sales information is gathered from buyers, sellers and real estate professionals. Selling prices are then compared to the assessed values to arrive at an assessment/sales ratio. Comparable sales information is used as a basis for the assessment for individual properties after the sales are carefully analyzed.

Land Use Assessments

Landowners who meet qualifying standards may be eligible for tax deferral. Land Use Values are determined by the Commissioner of the Revenue at the time of General Reassessment. Recommended values, as provided by the State Land Evaluation Advisory Council (SLEAC), are taken into consideration. For further information and applications, please contact the Land Use Administrator at (540) 727-3411.

If your land is currently taxed on the basis of Land Use Assessment, please do not confuse the Fair Market Assessed Value as displayed on the front of this notice with the Land Use Assessed Value for the purpose of taxation. The Land Use Assessed Value will be reflected on your real estate tax bill. The Land Use Revalidation applications will be mailed to all owners of land currently enrolled in the Land Use Program.

Real Estate Tax Exemption for Elderly and Disabled Homeowners

Homeowners aged 65 and older and persons permanently and totally disabled may qualify for tax relief, if they meet the qualifications required for participation in the program. For additional information, please call the Assessments Office at (540) 727-3411.

Forwarding of Notices

Virginia Code Section §58.1-3330 provides that any person, firm or corporation, other than the owner, who receives this notice shall immediately transmit it to the owner at his or her last known address. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The Commissioner of the Revenue Division of Real Estate Assessments has made every effort to inform property owners of the mandates of the Code of Virginia which govern our duties. We have also attempted to keep citizens abreast of real estate market conditions and trends using this and a number of other forums. We invite you to visit or call us with any additional concerns or questions you might have concerning your current real estate assessment or property information.

The Assessments Office is located in the Old Town Hall Building at 118 W. Davis Street, Suite 100. It is open to the public between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays. The phone number is (540) 727-3411.

**Notice to Taxpayers for
Personal Payment Plan**

We have heard from many taxpayers who wish to make more than one payment to pay their taxes each year.

Therefore, any taxpayer who wishes to make payments more than once a year for real estate or personal property can go the County Treasurer’s office and set up a personal payment plan. This plan could be for twice a year, quarterly, monthly or whatever is convenient for the taxpayer.

The Treasurer’s office is located in the courthouse building at 135 W. Cameron Street and the telephone number is 727-3442. (Please also see page 36)



**Letter to the Editor–
The Generosity of Culpeper**

On behalf of the Board and staff of Culpeper County Department of Human Services, I would like to let everyone know how generous Culpeper has been during the Holiday Season. Through community efforts, Culpeper has served hundreds of families for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season of 2006.

I would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Piedmont Building Industry Association for the contribution of the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners from Safeway.

The Food Closet at St. Stephen’s Church and their many volunteers prepared the Thanksgiving Baskets. Providence Bible Church graciously offered their premises for picking up the baskets.

Due to the generosity of these wonderful organizations of Culpeper County, we were once again able to help many needy Culpeper families have a great holiday season.

A special “thank you” from all the needy families that you helped to have a wonderful holiday. Again, I would like to say “thank you” for donating all those wonderful turkey dinners and all the time involved in this endeavor.

*Becky Phipps
Culpeper Department of Human Services*

Congressman Eric Cantor

As I begin my fourth term as your representative in Congress, I want to take this time to thank you for the privilege of being your voice in Washington and to let you know that my staff and I are here to assist you in any way that we can. Should you have comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (540) 825-8960. I also encourage you to visit my website online at <http://cantor.house.gov>. I look forward to hearing from you, and I wish you and your family all the best this New Year.



Graduates of Congressional Youth Forum



Meagan Bedsaul graduates from Congressional Youth Forum

In December, I hosted the last session of the 2006 Congressional Youth Forum (CYF). Two Culpeper County High School seniors, Meagan Bedsaul and Victoria Hirsch-Straus, were among a group of almost seventy students who graduated from the program. Participants in CYF are motivated students, nominated by their teachers, who have an interest in learning more about government and current issues facing Virginia and America. Last year students had an opportunity to hear from guest speakers such as Dr. Larry Sabato of University of Virginia's Center for Politics, as well as Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge Charles Cunningham. As we begin a new year, I look forward to working with another group of Virginia's future leaders.

Outlook for the 110th Congress

The 110th Congress convened on January 4, 2007, with a number of foreign and domestic issues on the agenda including the war against the terrorists in Iraq, immigration, tax cuts, healthcare, energy, and homeland security.

Healthcare – I will work to improve the choices available to our seniors under Medicare's Prescription Drug Plan. Also, I will continue to champion more choice in healthcare for Virginia's families.

Economic Competitiveness – Congress must be accountable to the taxpayers. My goals are to work toward a balanced federal budget through lower taxes and a smaller, more accountable government.

Energy – America must stop funding both sides of the war on terror and move toward energy independence. I will work to stop the flow of petrodollars to the Middle East and find solutions for alternative energy sources.

Homeland Security/ Disaster Preparedness – Congress must continue to fund our nation's first responders and provide support for our local law enforcement. I will continue to ensure that security funds are distributed in a risk-based allocation strategy lending the most support to the most vulnerable regions in America.

Defense – I recently co-sponsored H.R. 511, a bill ensuring that funding for our soldiers in Iraq is neither disrupted nor cut-off. We must send the proper message of support from Congress to our men and women in the field.

Culpeper County Board of Supervisors

To contact your Supervisor, you may email: supervisors@culpepercounty.gov or call the County Administration Office at 727-3427, or call directly as follows:

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**The Board meets
the 1st Tuesday
of each month**
10 a.m.
General County Business

7 p.m.
Public Forum
Planning Business
Public Hearings

Agendas are available prior to Board Meetings on the County Website at www.culpepercounty.gov and in the Culpeper County Library



Culpeper County Library

**The Culpeper County Library offers several Storytimes.
All children's programs are Free!**

Walk-in Storytimes at the Library are family events that are open to the public. On Tuesday evenings be sure to join us at 7:00 p.m. for stories, rhymes, songs and a craft. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal.



Our popular Walk-In Storytime is every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. There are stories, songs and activities, with a different theme each week.



Bad weather? Please call the Library at 825-8691 to make sure that we are having Storytime.

Tuesday Morning Toddler and Preschool Storytime

On Tuesday, April 17, the Library will hold registration for the next five-week session. The session will run from April 24 to May 22. Toddler Storytime is for children ages 2-3 and Preschool Storytime is for children ages 3-4. Storytimes include stories, songs, rhymes, activities and a craft. For more information check out our website at www.cclva.org or call 825-8691.

La hora de cuento

On Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30pm come join us for *La hora de cuento*, a bilingual Storytime. We will read stories, sing songs, practice rhymes, and have other fun activities - all in English and Spanish! It is a great time to make new friends and check out our growing collection of bilingual books! *La hora de cuento* is free, and no registration is required! For more information call Jennifer at 825-8691.

Venga a unirse con nosotros miércoles, el 14 de marzo a las 6:30 de la noche para *La hora de cuento*, que es bilingüe. Nos leímos historias, cantar canciones, práctica rimas y otras actividades divertidas - todo en Inglés y Español! Es buen tiempo para hacer amigos nuevos y ver nuestra colección de libros bilingües que esta creciendo. *La hora de cuento* es gratis y no necesitas registrar. Para más información llama Jennifer al número 825-8691.



Library's Gone to the Dogs!

The Welcome Waggers will be joining the Library once again for the popular *Library's Gone to the Dogs* program where children read to therapy dogs. This program gives school-aged children the opportunity to practice their reading skills and make new friends, not to mention that spending time with a therapy dog can be a very good experience.

Upcoming dates for this program are Saturday, March 10, April 14 and May 12 at 10:30 am. This event is free, and there is no registration required. For more information call 825-8691.

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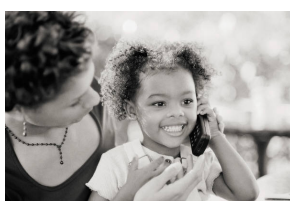
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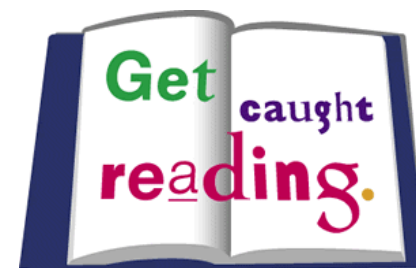
Culpeper County Library (*continued*)



Don't forget Dial-a-Story at 825-0555. It's free.
The stories change each week, so be sure to call often.

Get Caught Reading

May is *Get Caught Reading* month. So, don't be alarmed if, when one of our librarians catches you reading, you get a surprise! You never know when we will be looking for the next reader, so stop in the Library any time in the month of May, pick up a book and get caught reading!



The 9th Annual "For A Child's Health"

will be held inside and outside the Library on Saturday, **April 28** from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. For the kids there are free healthy snacks, give-aways, moon bounce, ambulances, fire trucks, the Crime Scene Dogs, petting zoo, face painting and a special landing of the Air Care medi-vac helicopter. For the parents many family-focused agencies will be present to display their resources and answer questions about daycare, dental care, health care and more.

Teen Poetry Contest

April is Poetry Month, and the Culpeper County Library will hold a Teen Poetry Contest.

All teens ages 13-18 are encouraged to submit a poem!

Submissions must be received at the Library by Tuesday, April 3. Contest winners will be announced on Friday April 6.

Great prizes! Submissions will be on display for the month of April! For more information, call Jennifer at 825-8691.

An Introduction to Scrapbooking

Saturday, May 12, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
for teens & adults

with Noreen Shorey

This program is for anyone who is interested in learning scrapbooking techniques and how to get started. Information covered includes:

◇ why we scrapbook ◇ photo storage tips ◇ getting organized ◇ finding supplies ◇ resources you can use after the class

Please bring 4 or 5 photographs that are centered around a theme, such as "holidays", "friends", "sports", "hobbies" or whatever you wish. You will leave with a finished page.

Registration is limited, so please call ahead to reserve your spot. Registration begins April 16.

Culpeper County Library 271 Southgate Shopping Center <http://tlc.library.net/culpeper> **540-825-8691**



Culpeper County Library (*continued*)

The Library would like to remind you that we have Wi-Fi or wireless Internet service for anyone with a wireless connection to his or her laptop or PDA. The library has had a T-1 since we opened in 1998.



A Family Storytelling Event with Professional Storyteller Denise Bennett...

Join us on Saturday, March 24 at 2:30 p.m. for "**Damsels NOT Distressed**," a program of stories about feisty females from folklore and fairy tales. These heroines still like Prince Charming, but they might arm wrestle him first before going off to live happily ever after. FREE tickets available starting March 1.



And continuing



An Evening of Storytelling & Celtic Harp with Professional Storyteller Denise Bennett

Join us on Saturday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. for a performance of "**The Heart's True Scale**," Denise Bennett's original fairy tale for adult audiences about the transformative power of love. Recommended for ages 16 and up.

FREE tickets available starting March 1.

More about Denise from her web site at <http://www.storiesbydenise.com>:

Denise Bennett was born in Utrecht, Holland to a dashing young fighter pilot and the 4-H Queen of Carol County, Indiana. Like most Air Force brats she grew up in a lot of different places, but made a prophetic utterance at the age of eight that someday she would live in Virginia again. After earning a BFA and doing graduate work in drama –speech in New York, she moved back to Virginia with her true love, Jim Bennett to start a rock band with his brother. The band didn't last, but her love of music (and Jim) did. She discovered the joy of telling stories to her sons, Josh and James and later to other folks. She received her M. Div degree in 1999 from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education where she received awards for preaching and academic excellence. Following seminary, she served as a chaplain in a retirement community in Richmond, Virginia for four years.

Denise now performs at schools, libraries, churches, retirement communities and festivals, including L.A.U.G.H.S, and the Jubilee 2000 Festival at the University of Richmond. She has told stories to special education preschool classes, to sophisticated crowds in art galleries and to 600 preachers at a homiletics festival. Her stories, whether personal vignettes, folktales or Bible stories are told with humor and a dramatic flair and are often interlaced with music, most of it original. She sometimes accompanies herself on guitar, rhythm instruments and most recently, Celtic harp. Denise also leads workshops and retreats. She is a published writer of both non-fiction and poetry. She is a member of the Tell Tale Hearts Storytellers Theater in Richmond, Virginia and of the Virginia Storytelling Alliance.

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Culpeper County Library (*continued*)



Introduction to the *Local History Room*

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00—8:00 p.m., in the Local History Room

Library Associate Julie Bushong will provide a tour of the Library's Local History Room and present an overview of materials pertaining to Culpeper history. Sources of genealogical interest will also be covered.

Limited registration begins March 19.



Are you researching family history? Tracking down your lineage? Maybe you're just curious about those commercials you've heard on the radio. The Library now subscribes to **Ancestry.com**, a powerful tool for genealogy research. You may use **Ancestry.com** from any of our catalog computers while you are inside the library. Remote access from home is not available, since **Ancestry.com** allows individuals to subscribe, if they wish.

Ancestry.com offers records from the 1790-1930 censuses, including the records for individual cities, slave records taken during the census, and the tax census list.

Twenty-seven countries have submitted **Birth, Marriage & Death** records to **Ancestry.com**. The Social Security Death Index lists birth and death dates along with last known residential location for millions of deceased individuals whose deaths were reported to the Social Security Administration.

If you are researching immigrants, you will want to check out the passenger lists for New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans and California ports along with other **Immigration Records**. These records are continually updated. Naturalization papers for some immigrants are also recorded.

Military data is a gold mine on **Ancestry.com**. The WWI Draft Registration is complete and included. This data includes most males who were of the age 18-70 in the years 1917-18. Other war records are from the American Revolution, Civil War, World War II and the prisoners of war, War of 1812, soldier lists, pensions and more.



HeritageQuest Online: *The Library has available a "unique, growing collection of research materials for tracing family history and American culture." Amateur or professional genealogists may now use this "powerful online library, with original page images for all documents," either at home or at the Library. Simply go to our homepage and link up!*



Culpeper County Library (*continued*)

Friends

It is not too late to join the Friends and help support the Library

Membership Year – January thru December

Membership Types:	
Individual	\$5.00
Family	\$10.00
Institutional	\$25.00
Benefactor	\$50.00

The Friends of the Culpeper County Library is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Library. Money raised by the “Friends” is used to sponsor programs and cultural opportunities that would otherwise go unfunded.

\$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 is spent annually in support of Library programs which include:

- Summer Reading Program for children and teens
- Adult Reading Program
- Speaker programs for the community
- Storytellers for adults and children
- *Book Page* – monthly book review offered free of charge to patrons
- Support of National Library Week
- Library supplies such as puzzles, bookmarks, stickers, Ellison Machine dies, and giveaways for children

\$10,000.00 contributed to revise Scheel’s Historical Map of Culpeper County.

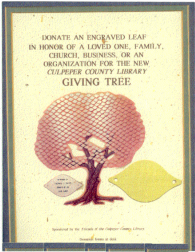
Funds are raised through various activities that also benefit the community:

- Used Book Store and Used Book Corner operated at the Library
- Annual Pansy Sale
- Sale of commemorative leaves on Giving Tree located in Meeting Room
- Author events

Other activities:

- Sponsorship of Third Thursday book discussion groups
- Distribution of Lonesome Pine books-by-mail catalogs

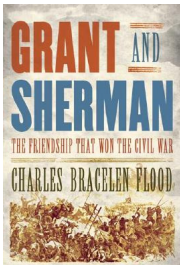
The “Friends” are in need of members that are interested in working to support the Library. If you are interested in being a “Friend” or have questions, please contact Barbara Weber at 540-547-4128.



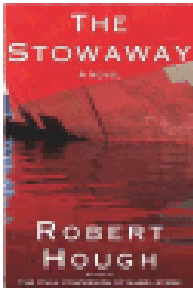
Need a great gift idea for that person who has everything?

Support the Library by sponsoring a leaf on the Giving Tree located in the Meeting Room. Your tax-deductible gift is a great way to honor a special friend or family member. Each leaf has space for a four-line inscription of your choice. Applications are available at the Circulation Desk. New leaves will be dedicated at the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting.

FRIEND’S OF THE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB will meet to discuss these books on the following dates at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m*:



APRIL 19 - GRANT AND SHERMAN by Charles B. Flood
A nonfiction book about the special relationship between these two generals which resulted in the Union victory



MAY 17 - BOOKSELLER OF KABUL by Asne Seierstad
A nonfiction book covering the life of the bookseller and his family during the three months the author lived with them



JUNE 21 - THE STOWAWAY by Robert Hough
A novel that is based on a true event involving stowaways on the container ship *Maersk Dubai*

JULY 19 - A FAMILY TRUST by Ward Just
[*On this date only, we will meet at 6 pm for a potluck dinner and select our books for next year’s meetings (August 07-July 08)]
A novel about Amos Rising’s family and his life’s work, the *Dement Intelligencer* newspaper--the family’s legacy



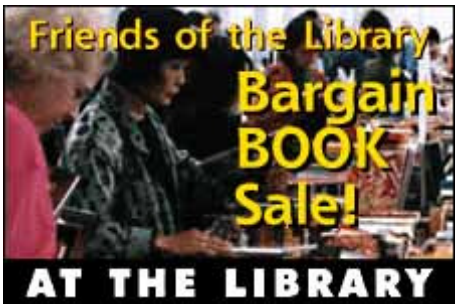
These books are available at the Library Circulation Desk or for purchase, at a discount, at The Corner Shelf bookstore. Enjoy these books and then join us for a discussion--we welcome new members!

Pansy Sale - Saturday, March 24



Tired of Winter? Get ready for Spring at the Friends Annual Pansy Sale, March 24 starting at 9:00 a.m. until the pansies are sold (usually around 11:00). We often have begonias, calendulas as well as lots of pansies. We'll post prices and plant varieties as the date draws near. So kick those winter-time blues and help out the Library at the same time. (Snow date is March 31.)

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE HOURS:



Monday: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location:

In the Culpeper County Library, at the back, next to the Computer Room.

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is a great place to find good reading for yourself and your family for those cold, windy, snowy days at home. We have a wide selection of books, from the latest fiction to the old classics, and from biographies to the sciences, with a little of all in between. Our prices range from free, for a small number of items, to a few dollars for the really new books and collectors’ editions.

Visit the bookshelf near the entrance to the Library even when the Bookstore is closed. There are specially priced newer books, hardback non-fiction, hardback fiction, paperbacks, and a selection of children’s and juvenile books. These may be purchased through the Circulation Desk any time the Library is open. Also available at the Circulation Desk are our large, super-sturdy book bags for only \$6.00 apiece. Fill one up with your great Bookstore finds!

The volunteers of the Friends of the Library Bookstore thank you for your support.

National Library Week is April 15 - 22. Come into the Library for your free gift.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Culpeper County Library.



National Volunteer Week is April 15 - 22

Did you know: since the Library opened in March 1998 volunteers have generously given us over 36,000 hours and that all of our books and other items (over 390,000 last year) are re-shelved by volunteers. Volunteers are priceless to us. Volunteers free up staff to complete other projects, help in the computer room, at the Circulation Desk, with children’s Storytimes and of course with the Summer Reading Program. If you have some extra time on your hands, stop in and see us and fill out a volunteer form. Don’t know what you want to do? We have suggestions.

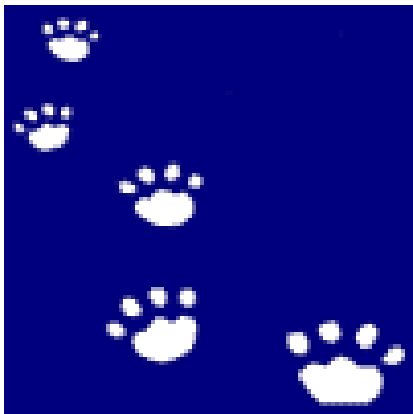
Track Your Books

Library Elf

Free Email Service Helps You Keep Track of Library Books

Elf is an Internet-based tool that helps you keep track of what items are due, overdue and ready for pickup. You can keep track of one or more Library accounts in one place and receive reminders of when holds are ready to be picked up and when items out are due. Reminders are sent when you want them -- before items are due (up to seven days advance notice). Keep track of multiple cards for family members by registering all of the different cards under one Elf account and have notices sent to one email account. If this service sounds like something that would help you keep track of your Library books, sign up for an account at <http://www.libraryelf.com> You will need your Library barcode number, a PIN number (that you have registered at our Circulation Desk), and an email account.

Elf is an independent service and not affiliated with the Culpeper County Library.



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271 Southgate Shopping Center

540-825-8691

Protect Yourself from IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft is a rapidly growing crime that can get out of hand before you realize you are a victim. Awareness is one of the most powerful tools in the fight against this crime. Come to this informational session presented by the Culpeper Town Police to learn how you can

“Deter, Detect and Defend” yourself against identity theft.

Wednesday, **April 25**, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, **April 26**, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Please register by calling the Library at 825-8691.



Voracious Readers!

The Friends of the Culpeper County Library are sponsoring the annual Adult Reading Program this year from February 5 through April 2. This year's theme is “Goodies for Grownups: Voracious Readers!” For every book read, participants will receive a chance to enter a drawing for gift certificates to local restaurants. Be sure to visit the Library during this time so you can satisfy your appetite for good books while you earn chances to win good food.



Culpeper Reads...

The Glass Castle

by Jeannette Walls

at the Culpeper County Library!

New York Times best-selling author Jeannette Walls is coming to Culpeper County Library on Sunday, **April 22** for a public appearance and to talk about her autobiographical book, the “Glass Castle.”

Due to the anticipated demand, please pick up your free ticket to this program starting April 2.

On Friday, **April 20** she will be at the Library at 7:00 p.m. to talk specifically with book groups that have read her book and will talk more in depth with them about her thoughts, ideas and the theme of the book. These two events will take place at the Culpeper County Library in the Meeting Room.

On Thursday, **April 19** she will be available to talk with students who will be reading her book for their class assignment. Venue is still to be determined.

This program is sponsored by The Corner Shelf Bookstore and the Friends of the Culpeper County Library. In anticipation of this event the Friends of the Library have purchased an extra 20 copies of Ms. Walls' book so that the public will not have to wait to read the “Glass Castle.”

Excerpt from the 1st paragraph on the 1st page of the “Glass Castle,”

“I was sitting in a taxi, wondering if I had overdressed for the evening, when I looked out the window and saw Mom rooting through a Dumpster.”

Join Culpeper in reading “The Glass Castle”!

REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION
PLANNING DISTRICT #9
CULPEPER, MADISON, ORANGE & RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTIES

Many adults who did not complete a high school program of instruction have continued to learn through a variety of experience encountered in everyday life. The purpose of the GED Testing Program is to provide an opportunity for these individuals to have the learning acquired from such educational experiences evaluated and recognized. The GED Tests make it possible for qualified individuals to earn a high school credential, thus providing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of adults to:

- Pursue higher education
- Obtain jobs or job promotions
- Achieve personal goals

WHAT ARE THE GED TESTS?

The Tests of General Education Development (GED Tests) are internationally recognized. They have been designed to measure major academic skills and knowledge in core content areas that are learned during four years of high school. When an adult passes the 7 ½ hour GED Tests battery, the resulting GED credential certifies that he or she has attained subject matter knowledge and skills associated with high school completion. The GED Tests battery includes the following subject area tests:

- Language Arts, Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Language Arts, Reading
- Mathematics

The GED Tests are offered in English and Spanish editions.

Regional Adult Education

(540) 825-0476

Register for Adult Classes in your area for GED Preparation, or ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages). Work on your reading, writing and math skills for GED and speaking skills for ESOL. Call for information.

Carver Center GED – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM./Tues. & Thurs.
Carver-Piedmont School, 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA.

Culpeper GED – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs./Culpeper Literacy Council, 415 S. Main Street, Suite 204, Culpeper, VA

Culpeper/Rappahannock ESOL – English As A Second Language
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs./Culpeper Career Resource Center
219 E. Davis Street, Culpeper, VA & Culpeper Depot, 113 S. Commerce Street, Culpeper, VA

Morning ESOL – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM/Mon.
Virginia Community Bank, 701 South Main St., Culpeper, VA

EL/Civics – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
Culpeper County High School, 14240 Achievement Drive, Culpeper, VA

Regional TFL – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.
Carver-Piedmont School, 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA
Literacy Council of Madison GED – 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon/Tues. & Thurs.
Madison Literacy Council, Thrift Rd. Old School Board Bldg., Madison, VA

Madison GED – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
Madison Literacy Council, Thrift Rd. Old School Board Bldg., Madison, VA

Gordonsville GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Mon. & Wed.
Gordon-Barbour Elem. Library, 500 W. Baker St., Gordonsville, VA

Orange GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
Orange County High School, Room #136, 201 Selma Rd., Orange, VA

Rappahannock GED – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.
Rappahannock High School, Washington, VA

George Washington Carver-
Piedmont Technical Education Center

GED Testing Schedule
Denise S. Vogt, Chief Examiner
GED Schedule for 2007

March 16 & 17
April 20 & 21
May 18 & 19
June 22 & 23

You need to register 10 days before
the test date.

The George Washington Carver – Piedmont Technical Education Center is open to take your GED application Monday – Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. and Friday 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Additionally, we are opened late on Monday and Thursday evenings until 8:00 P.M.

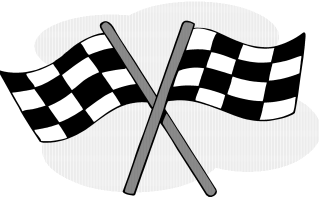
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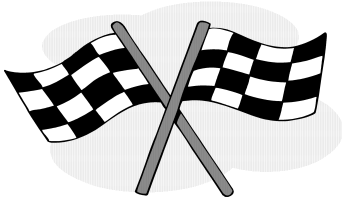
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REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION

George Washington Carver-
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9432 James Madison Hwy, Rapidan, VA 22733
Telephone (540) 825-0476

SPRING 2007 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHEDULE

CLASS	DAY/SITE	BEG.-END	SESSIONS	TIME	FEE
Beginning Astronomy	TBA/C	TBA	1	8:00 P.M.	FREE
Computers for Seniors	T/C	3/6-4/3	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
Computers for Seniors	T/C	4/17-5/15	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
Conversational Spanish	W/C	3/7-5/2	8	6:00-8:00 PM	\$125.00
Internet I	T/C	3/6-4/3	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet I	M/C	4/16-5/14	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet II	M/C	4/16-5/14	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
Introduction to Computers	M/C	3/5-4/2	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Introduction to Computers	W/C	4/18-5/16	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel I	TH/C	3/8-4/5	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel I	TH/C	4/19-5/17	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel II	TH/C	4/19-5/17	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word I	W/C	3/7-4/4	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word I	T/C	4/17-5/15	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word II	T/C	4/17/5/15	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00

CODE: GWC-PEC - C

TUITION REQUIRED IN ADVANCE

Detach and return with payment to:

Make check and money order payable to:
Orange County School Board

Office of Continuing Education,
George Washington Carver – Piedmont Technical Education Center,
9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA 22733.

Name: _____

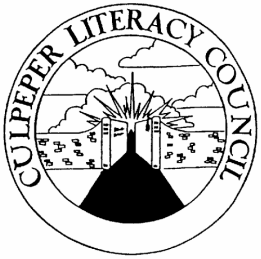
Address: _____
Street Name City/State Zip Code

Daytime Phone () _____ Evening Phone () _____

Please enroll me in the following classes:

Class Name	Day (Circle One)	Time	Cost
	Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.		
	Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.		
	Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.		

Method of Payment: M.O. ____ Check ____ Cash ____



CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL

**ILLITERACY AFFECTS EVERYONE.
YOU CAN HELP. WE CAN SHOW YOU HOW.**

The Culpeper Literacy Council will be having a Community Spelling "Bee" in March 2007. This is a fundraiser event that promises fun and laughter for all that attend. The CLC is looking for audience participants..... Or maybe you would like to be a sponsor for the "BEE".... Your support of the CLC will help us to help others to succeed. Please join us for a night to remember.....

We offer free one-on-one tutoring for those who wish to learn to read, improve their literacy skills, or learn English as a second language. We also have a daytime GED class, and offer GED tutoring to inmates in the local jail. We have EL Civics Classes available as well.

Community Spelling "BEE" for Literacy

29 March, 2007

7:00pm-9:00pm

Germanna Center for Advanced Technology

18121 Technology Drive

Culpeper, Virginia 22701

**For Spelling "Bee" Information and Tickets
call the Culpeper Literacy Council**

**415 South Main Street, Suite 204
Culpeper, Virginia 540-825-5804**



Attention Owners of Motor Vehicles, Trailers and Boats

The annual ritual of reporting the same property year after year has come to an end. In the past, taxpayers were required to file the annual Return of Tangible Personal Property on or before May 1st in order to avoid a 10% (of the tax levied) penalty for failure to file by the filing deadline. This ordinance is referred to as "Affirmative" filing. Upon my recommendation, the Board of Supervisors adopted the ordinance allowing for the "Alternative Method of Filing" more commonly known as "File by Exception" at the February 6, 2007 public hearing.

Effective tax year 2007, in accordance with Code of Virginia §58.1-3518.1, owners of motor vehicles, trailers and boats will no longer need to file annually, as long as there are no changes to ownership name, address or situs for taxation. Property affected by this ordinance change includes cars, light trucks, motorcycles, large trucks, road tractors (semi), tractor trailers, utility trailers, boat trailers, camper trailers, motor homes and boats. The Code of Virginia continues to require owners of Aircraft, Manufactured Homes, Business Personal Property and Machinery & Tools to file annually with the Commissioner of the Revenue.

You will need to continue to report tangible personal property at the time of acquisition. You will also continue to receive the annual Return of Tangible Personal Property form in March of each year. However, you will no longer need to return the form unless you have additions, deletions or other changes that would impact property subject to tax-

tion as of January 1st. If you believe your vehicle may qualify for a value adjustment due to **high mileage**, please be sure to submit third party documentation (e.g. state inspection receipt, oil change or service center repair receipt) on or before May 1st. Documentation must be legible and must indicate mileage on or before January 1st of the tax assessment year seeking such adjustment. By law, if mileage is taken into consideration as an adjustment to fair market value, the adjustment must be determined using the mileage table included with the January issue of NADA (National Auto Dealers Association).

There are a number of **important filing deadlines** coming up for 2007:

- April 1** Tax Relief for the Elderly & Disabled
- May 1** Personal Property (new acquisitions as of January 1st)
- May 1** Business Personal Property and Machinery & Tools
- May 1** Aircraft and Mobile Homes
- May 1** Virginia Income Tax (2006 tax year)
- May 1** High Mileage (as of January 1) documentation
- November 1** Land Use Program (new enrollment effective for the following tax year)

As always, if you have any questions, please call 540-727-3443, email me at Tyowell@culpepercounty.gov or come by the Office located at 135 W. Cameron Street ground floor of the Courthouse.

*Terry Yowell
Commissioner of the Revenue*